

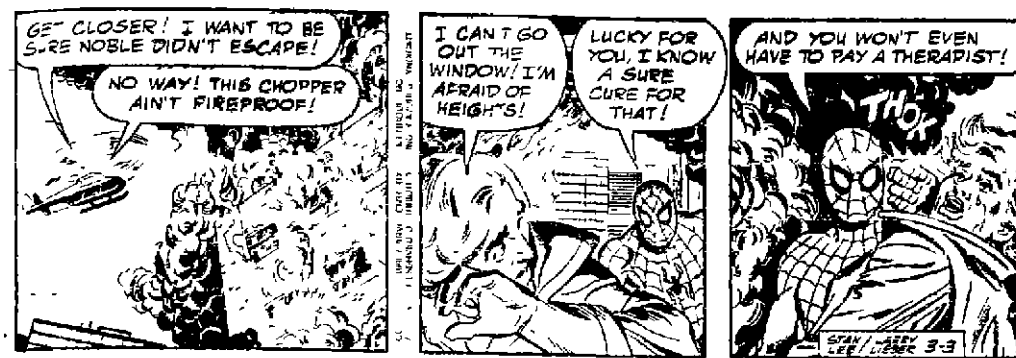
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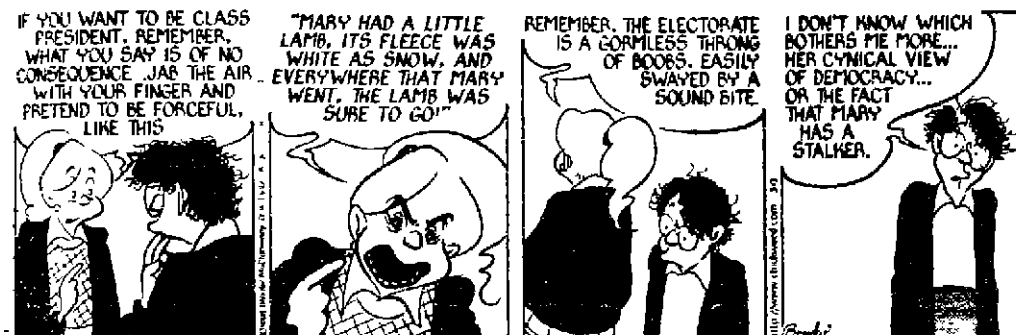
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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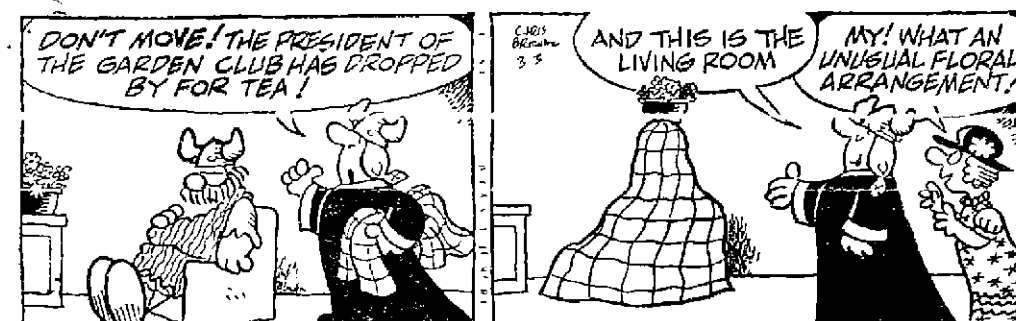
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



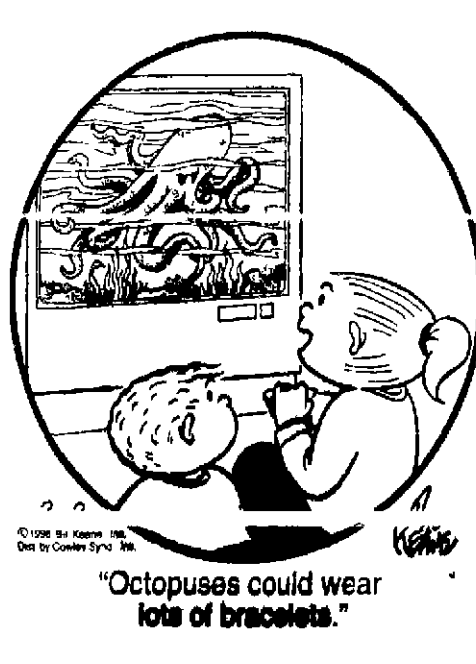
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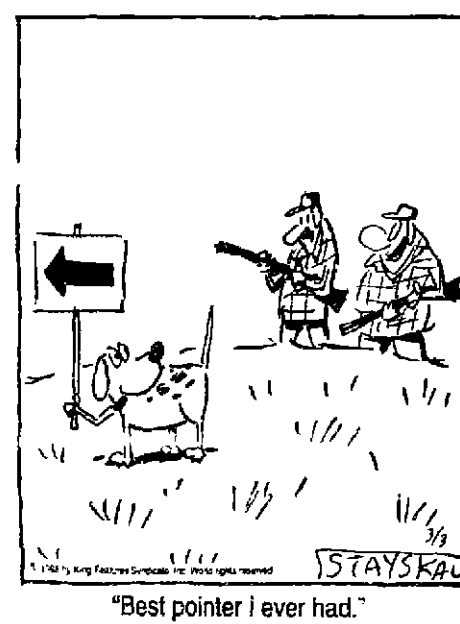
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor James Doohan is 78. Lee Remick is 65. Singer Jennifer

tor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 48. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 45. Actress Miranda Richardson is 40. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 36. Football player Herschel Walker is 36. Rapper-actor Tone-Loc is 32. Actress Julie Bowen ("Three") is 28. Actor David Faustino is 24

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 145-155 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter has no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) JUD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 3-2-98 © 1998, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

RACK 1: T, A, O, I, R, P, D

RACK 2: B, S, B, Y, C, A, A

RACK 3: H, D, E, E, I, G, W

RACK 4: T, A, O, P, S, M, T

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Carnivores

Q S P L I E B Y V R O L I F C
Z W T O N K I E B F C Z W U R
P M S J H E C L E Z X U S Q N
L J P A L L I G A T O R S G E
C Z I X N V S A R T O U N W R
P N D L J E H E S S P Y O E C
A Y E I K W Y V K O T L O H T
R P R N N L K H T A F A C C I
G E C B I G Z C X W N E C E U
S R P O M M O L S L E S A E W
J I G E D B A Y X W U T R L S

Monday's unlisted clue: TIPTOE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: WEB SPINNER

Alligators Dingo Mink Snakes
Bears Eagle Octopus Weasels
Cats Hyenas Raccoons Wolf
Coyote Leech Seal

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Can one ever be certain about winning a finesse? Apart from a proven finesse, the best one can count on is a favorable probability. However, a favorable probability is not the same as a sure thing, and today's game provides a good illustration. At duplicate, East-West completed vigorously in the majors, hoping either to take a profitable sacrifice or push South overboard. They were on target. Five hearts would go down only 300 points, but why sacrifice against a declarer who might throw away his game? Against five clubs, East took his two high hearts and shifted to the spade jack. South took a naive finesse, expecting it to win because East promised length in both majors. Gratefully, West took his spade king, and the game went down quickly. Was the spade finesse a probable candidate for success? Perhaps. But that would require East to have passed in the first seat with both majors, one headed by the A-K and the other by the K-J. Whether this was probable was moot. More important was that the spade finesse was unnecessary. If East did have the spade king, he couldn't also have the diamond king. And because South could not avoid taking the diamond finesse, he should not take the spade finesse. South should win East's spade jack with his ace, draw trumps and take the diamond finesse. When his 10 holds, he repeats the finesse and discards his spade queen on dummy's diamond ace.

NORTH
♥ 7 6 5
♦ Q 3
♣ A Q J 9
♠ Q 10 9 8

WEST
♥ K 3 2
♦ 10 8 5 2
♣ K 5 4 3
♠ A 5

EAST
♥ J 10 8 8 4
♦ A K 9 6 4
♣ 7 6 2
♠ —

SOUTH
♥ A Q
♦ J 7
♣ 10 8
♠ A K 1 7 6 5 2

Vulnerable North-South Dealer East

The bidding
East 1♣ South 1♠ West 3♥ North 4♠
Pass 3♣ Pass 4♠
4♥ 3♠ All Pass

*major suits

Opening lead: Heart deuce

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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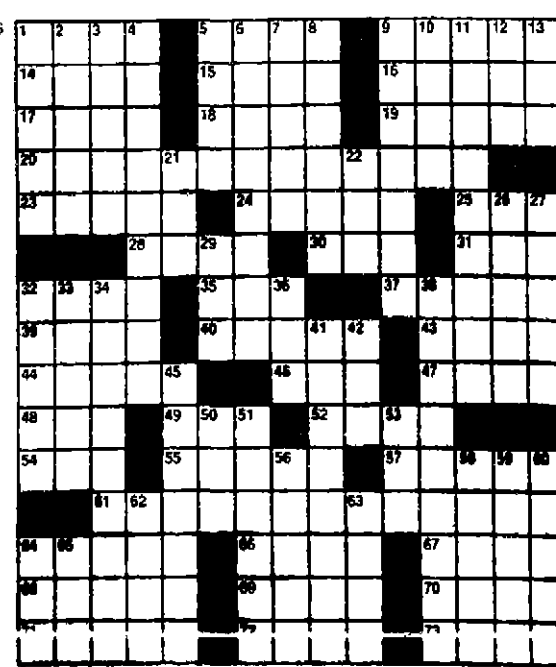
- ACROSS**
- Literary lioness
 - Open a crack
 - Seeing red
 - Painter of limp watches
 - Rational
 - Elicit
 - Road, for Romulus
 - Signs
 - "Drove my Chevy to the ... (1972 lyric)
 - 1991 feminist movie
 - Old photo
 - Skin layer
 - Radical 80's org.
 - For the taking
 - Give a licking
 - 4.00, in Kent
 - 300-pound President
 - Dog's drink, or resting spot
 - Bikini alternative
 - Cousin of the English horn
 - Work, as dough
 - Approximately
 - Valene Harper series
 - "Much About Nothing"
 - Certain grains
 - It thickens the plot
 - Snowball in "Animal Farm"
 - Old rounds, say
 - Mythical monster
 - Eye opener
 - Balance sheet plus
 - Cartoon magpies
 - Reluctant
 - Zeno's home
 - Takes care of the squeaky wheel
 - Come together
 - Armed Forces option
 - Sunburn woe
 - It's all in the family
 - Fires
 - Ferber of "Show Boat"

DOWN

- Blue-pencils
- Shop tool
- Result of counting sheep
- Delivered by a Huey Cobra
- Home of 3.5 billion
- "Surt City" singers, 1963
- It's just over a foot
- Martha's Vineyard, in the summer
- Trustful
- Singer Burl
- 41-week best seller, 1970-71
- Barley manage, with "put"
- Gidget ponyrayer
- Sancho
- Delancey
- Actress
- Thurman
- Thickheaded

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LOGE ATLAS FORE
AVID POISE AWOL
MAGI PASTE LEEK
BLITHESPIRIT
OAT REHAB
RECALL LIBERATE
EMAIL ORIO WOR
JOHNNYBENJAMIN
ETO ABOO ABOL
TAVIT IHO
HAPPYMANATION
BIOA AMOR FIDE
MEGA COON FLEE
UPON ADAPT TAOS



Puzzle by Randall J. Hartman

- Powdered starches
- Lodge member
- Common sculpture
- Hate
- Ecological succession
- Princess
- Some check it daily
- Early outcasts
- Surf with star or tsar
- Side in many a western
- Type
- Lead ore
- Screen siren West
- "Chill"
- Went down a slope
- "Sea of Love" star Barkin
- Physicist Nikola
- "—, Brute!"
- Noisy birds
- Blockhead
- Early afternoon

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